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REMARKS

Drawings

Applicant requests confirmation that the drawing filed in response to the October 8, 2003 office action is satisfactory.

Priority Claim

Form PTOL-326 does not indicate that all priority documents for this national stage application have been received. Applicant requests confirmation that the priority claim is perfected.

Section 103 Rejection

Applicant amends claim 18 to incorporate the limitations of claim 19. Claim 19, which is now superfluous, is cancelled. Accordingly, claim 18 and its remaining progeny are now in condition for allowance.

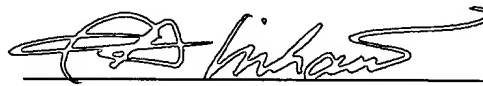
Applicant amends claim 18 to expedite prosecution of this application. Such amendment should not be construed as indicating that Applicant agrees with the propriety of the rejection.

Summary

Now pending in this application are claims 1-18 and 20-22, of which claims 1, 12, and 18 are independent. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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